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FRESIDENT GREETS

Twenty-Fourth Annual Congress Opened at Memorial Continental Hall.

MRS. GUERNSEY WINS FIRST STRENGTH TEST

Motion to Increase Credentials Committee, Opposed by Mrs. Story. Held Out of Order.

With the greeting of the President the United States to the assembled delegates, the annual address of the president general, Mrs. Wiliam Cumning Story, and addresses by M. Jules Jusserand, ambassador to the United States from France: Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Rogers Clark Ballard Thruson, John Barrett, director general of Pan-American Union, the twentyfourth annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution got under full headway this afternoon.

The addresses were preceded by a Band under the direction of lieut. William H. Santelmann. Following the oncert, an invocation was pronounced by Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding. Episcopal Bishop of Washington, and at the con-lusion of the afternoon's exercises— "scenery" of the annual congress-Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of New York Avenue Presb terian Church, proounced the benediction.

The congress opened at 10 o'clock this morning, with every seat on the main door and in the galleries of Memorial ontinental Hall filled. The formal opening was announced by the notes of a bugie played by Arthur S. Witcomb of the Marine Band, after which the congress was called to order by Mrs. congress was called to order by Mrs. Story, president general.

Prays for Unity of Purpose.

Mary S. Lockwood, chaplain general of society, followed the call to order. Mrs. Lockwood asking Divine guidance in deliberations of the congress, and praying for "that unity of purpose and of effort which alone can make for calm deliberation and forward the interests and the beneficent purposes of the society."

As soon as the reading of the report was completed Miss Sallie Marshall Hardy of Kentucky obtained recognition for a statement. She said that the personnel of the credentials committee every word that was said.

both sides, and both courts found Frank's allegations to be groundless except with respect to a few matter of firegularity not harmful to the defendant. comprised thirty-three Daughters, of whom only two—Mrs. Gaius M. Brum-baugh and Mrs. Henry L. Mann—were adherents of Mrs. Guernsey. Mis-Hardy moved that the credentials comttee be increased by the addition of new members, to be chosen from ng those favorable to the candidacy Mrs. Guernsey, and to sit with the amittee at all of its deliberations.

Mrs. Story Joins Discussion

say was "in an endeavor as a citizen twelf supported the motion, and on monocement from the chair that it it been lost she and others demanded consideration and a standing vote. It this point Mrs. Guernsey, for the strine, took part in the debate. Rist to a question of personal privilege, as Story's opponent made the point order that as the congress had not theen organized it was not a duly instituted body, and, therefore, could it vote on the motion or on any other person."

Story's opponent made the point order that as the congress had not the colonel cites instances of what he alleges proves collusion existed between Mr. Barnes and Charles F. Murphy. Ho also discusses at some length state contracts let to publishing and printing contracts let to publishing and printing contracts.

State Delegations in Caucus.

State delegations caucused this aftermoon in the ante-rooms of the hal and at their headquarters in the various hotels, these caucuses being called for the final round-up of voting strength. Caucusing will be continued tomorrow morning.

A signed statement issued today by Mrs. Thomas Potter, jr., chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation, and Miss Emma L. Crowell, state regent of Pennsylvania, was to the effect that while the Pennsylvania delegation was not instructed for either of the two opnosing candidates for president general the delogation was almost solid for Mrs. Guernsey. round-up of voting strength. Caucusing

hes such general the delegation was almost solid for Mrs. Guernsey.

Mrs. Joseph A. Enslow of New York, national charity officer of the society, said today that the New York delegation is almost equally divided between Mrs. Story and Mrs. Guernsey.

The first of the social functions of The first of the social functions of the week is to be the official reception of Mrs. Story to the national and state officers and delegates to the congress, which is to be held in Memorial Continental Hall from 3 to 11 o'clock this

D. A. R. NOTES.

ters of the American Revolution in a all portions of the country, were in the Lations between patriotism and religion Russian army because he gave his formed, in general, the theme of the sermons. Mrs. William Cumming that he would not fight against Austria. (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

BARNES-ROOSEVELT FRANK LOSES PLEA: D. A. R. DELEGATES LIBEL TRIAL BEGINS

Colonel and Editor Ignore Each | The Supreme Court. Justices Other as Lawyer Questions Talesmen.

PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES ARE LIMITED TO SIX EACH

Examining Attorney Delves Deep Into Political Feelings of Each Prospective Juror.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 19.- Theodore toosevelt and William Barnes faced each other in supreme court here today, when \$50,000 damages, against the former President, was called for trial. Mr. to the other. The room was crowded to the doors, and outside the courthouse a line by policemen, awaited an opportunity

Examination of talesmen in the special panel of seventy-five called for the case began as soon as Justice William S. Andrews ascended the bench and opened

court.

Col. Roosevelt arrived at the courthouse before his opponent. He wore a large black felt hat, pulled down well over his eyes. The colonel stopped in the corridor outside the courtroom and greeted several friends. Then he went in the room and took a seat at the table reserved for his counsel. When Mr. Barnes arrived in court he took a seat at his counsels table. seat at his counsel's table.

Begins Questioning Talesmen.

As soon as Justice Anderson had ascended the bench the special panel of seventy-five talesmen was called, and the selection of the jury began. Each side was informed by the court that they would be allowed six peremptory they would be allowed six peremptory challenges. The talesmen were questioned by William L. Barnum, a Syracuse attorney, for Mr. Barnes. He wanted to know whether the "political prominence heretofore" of either one or both of the principals would affect the decision of possible jurors. He also asked talesmen whether they believed a man in politics might be libeled just as any other citizen.

The fact that the defendant had been President of the United States and Govscripture reading and prayer by Mrs.

President of the United States and Gov-ernor of New York also was dwelt upon by the attorney in framing his in-

Basis of the Suit.

The suit, trial of which was moved o Onondaga county from Albany under a motion for a change of venue, is based upon a statement issued by Col. Roosevelt in the campaign last summer of Harvey D. Hinman for the republican nomination of Governor of The motion was seconded from several parts of the hall, Mrs. William R. Reynolds offering the official second. Lengthy and somewhat acrimonious discussion followed, in which Mrs. Story participated, the president general holding that no need existed for increasing the membership of the committee. Mrs. Story interjected several objections to the motion, and when it was put to vote she held the motion to have been lost. Miss Janet Richards of Washington servely supported the motion, and on servely supported the motion to have been lost. New York state. In that statement Col. Roosevelt referred to Mr. Barnes

tracts let to publishing and printing con-

congress.

More debate followed, Mrs. Guernsey finally being sustained by the official parliamentarian. Thereupon she, with the sanction of Miss Hardy, withdrew the latter's motion, giving notice that it would be presented when the congress is formally constituted. The official roll call was in progress when the non-recess was taken, and was completed immediately after the recess, when the committee on program also made its report through its chairman, Miss Mary E. Wilcox.

Tracts let to publishing and printing concerns in Albany with which Mr. Barnes is connected.

In discussing the Albany Lincoln League, which Col. Roosevelt says is composed mainly of republican office holders, Col. Roosevelt asserts that the members pay in as dues 3 per cent of their salaries, and that these funds are used for the benefit of the republican organization and others.

The colonel's answer, which virtually outlines his defense, covers 113 printed pages. It discusses all political upheavals

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"INSULTED" BY HIS KING.

Former Premier of Greece Is Coming to America.

PARIS, April 19.-The Athens correspondent of the Petit Journal states respondent of the Petit Journal states that M. Venizelos, former premier of tireece, told him that he could remain on the Island of Samos for a fortnight, after which he would leave for America. M. Venizelos said that he would not return to Greece even if his party were successful in the coming electrons, and holding him bound by sians renew their assault upon the Bostions, as he considered it certain to be, waive it, and holding him bound by sians renew their assault upon the Bostions, as he considered it certain to be, waive it, and holding him bound by sians renew their assault upon the Bostions of the waiver, amounts to a deprivation of porus," says the Daily Mail's Odessa due process of law." tions, as he considered it certain to he.
The former premier, continues the
correspondent, said that he considered
as an insult the recent denial by the
King of Greece of certain statements
which M. Venizelos had made, and
that he would remain abroad until he
received satisfaction.

Don Jaime to Remain Neutral.

ROME, April 18, via Pris, April 19 .the Spanish throne, says he desires it number of Washintgon churches yes- to be known that, contrary to the terday. Many hundreds of members of statements which have appeared in the national organization, representing the press, and despite his sympathy for Russia, he remains strictly neutral, and

TO SEEK CLEMENCY

Holmes and Hughes Dissenting. Rejects Appeal.

HOLDS HE ENJOYED ALL LEGAL RIGHTS IN GEORGIA

Counsel Will Petition State Prison Commission for Commutation of Death Sentence.

for the murder of Mary Phagan, an Atlanta factory girl, lost another step in Mr. Barnes' suit for libel, demanding his fight for life in the Supreme Court of the United States today.

in a decision, to which Justices Barnes and Col. Roosevelt sat at adjoin- Holmes and Hughes dissented, the ing tables, but neither paid any attention court dismissed Frank's appeal from the federal court of Georgia which refused to release him on a

Frank contended that alleged violence" at his trial and the fact that he was absent from the courtroon removed him from the jurisdiction of

The majority opinion of the Supreme Court today rejected all those conten-tions and declared Frank had enjoyed all his legal rights in the Georg-a

Will Seek Commutation.

An Atlanta, Ga., news dispatch says: "Leo M. Frank's attorneys, when informed of the decision today of the United States Supreme Court, said that they believed that every means in Frank's behalf before the courts now had been exhausted. They added that they now probably would prepare a petition for presentation before the Georgia prison commission, asking for commutation of Frank's sentence.

Majority Opinion of Court.

Justice Pitney, in the majority deupon the Supreme Court to look through the form and into the very heart and substance of the matter, not tion, but in the trial proceedings in

"The petition contains a narrative of disorder, hostile manifestations, and uproar," said the justice, "which if it stood alone and were to be taken as true, may be conceded to have been inconsistent with a fair trial and an impartial verdict. But to consider this au standing alone is to take a Daughters by Mrs. Story, and the presentation of the president general's badge of office by Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook of Pennsylvania, the report of the committee on credentials was presented by the committee's chairman. Miss Hilds Fletcher. With the presentation of this report came the first test of strength between the faction supporting Mrs. Story for re-election as president general and that favoring the election of Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, state regent of Kansas.

The report showed that the congress numbers 1,443 accredited delegates. Of bees four were found to be ineligible, seventy-three were absent and 186 were unaccounted for. Including the national officers, the report showed that the congress would be 2,027, and the apparent voting strength was given as between 1,300 and 1,400.

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on Defensive in France.

"This court holds that such a determination of the facts cannot, in this collateral inquiry, be treated as a nullity, but must be taken as setting forthe the truth of the matter until some reasonable ground is shown for an inference that the supreme court of Georgia either was wanting in jurisdiction or committed error in the exercise of its jurisdiction; and the mere assertion by the prisoner that the facts of the matter are other than the state courts, upon full investigation, determined them to be will not be treated as raising an issue respecting the correctness of that determination; especially not where the very evidence upon which the determination was the finding.

On Defensive in France.

ROME, April 18. via Paris, April 19.—Official communications received by the Italian cabinet and statements made by Germans in official circles have given the impression here that the German general staff has abandoned plans for a general movement on the French front and has decided simply to maintain the defensive.

This information has caused a deep impression here because it is believed to signify that Germany has no hope of penetrating further into French ter-

Frank's Right Not Curtailed.

"Respecting the fact that Frank was ot present in the courtroom when the verdict was rendered (his presence having been waived by his counsel, but without his knowledge or consent), the Georgia court held that because Frank, shortly after the verdict, was made fully aware of the facts, and he then made a motion for a new trial upon over 100 grounds, not including this as one, and had that motion hearn by both the London Mail, the Pope's communication had been waived by his count Andrasse told him. The says Count Andrasse told him, "the sent by a Petrograd correspondent, that peace suggestions to Russia have come from the Pope at the instance of private persons in Austria-Hungary.

According to the article published in the London Mail, the Pope's communication had been waived by his count Andrasse told him. The says Count Andrasse told him, "the sent by a Petrograd correspondent, that peace suggestions to Russia have come from the present war. The only result possible is no result. "Only a surprise attack, such as the private persons in Austria-Hungary.

According to the article published in the London Mail, the Pope's communication asked whether, if Austria were willing, Russia would enter into negoverdict was rendered this presence without his knowledge or consent), the sent by a Petrograd correspondent. Georgia court held that because Frank, that peace suggestions to Russia have shortly after the verdict, was made fully aware of the facts, and he then made a motion for a new trial upon over 100 grounds, not including this as maily adjudicated against hi to set aside the verdict as a nullity be-cause of his absence when the verdict

was rendered.
"This court holds that there is nothing in the fourteenth amendment to prevent a state from adopting and enorcing so reasonable a regulation procedure.

Upholds Courts' Practice.

stablished in the criminal courts of leorgia that a defendant may waive his right to be present when the jury renders its verdict, and that such waiv er may be given after as well as before the trial, and is to be inferred from the making of a motion for new trial upon other grounds when the facts respecting the rendition of the verdict

Justice Holmes' Opinion.

Justice Holmes based his dissent largely on the ground that the finding of the state supreme court on the existence of mob violence at a trial is not binding on the United States Supreme Court, as was held

AT SYRACUSE TODAY.

GERMAN PROGRAM IN FRANCE IS TO HOLD PRESENT LINES

Report Says Big Guns and Cavalry Are to Be Transferred to the Eastern Front.

GENEVA, via Paris, April 19.-A Vienna dispatch to the Fribune says that at a council of war presided over by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, it was decided that the Austrian heavy via London.—Petrograd butchers re-fused to sell meat today, in protest artillery, now before Verdun (in the department of Meuse, France), should be transferred to Poland and that the Hungarian cavalry, now on the western front, be sent back to Cracow.

On Defensive in France.

Denial From the Vatican.

The Corriere D'Italia in an article inspired by the Vatican contradicts the

I tiations with a view to peace. The Corrière d'Italia says: "No pontifical found them empty. They received littions last week. act could serve as the least foundation who said there was no prospect that a supply of meat would be available. for such a statement, which must be deplored.

The Giornale d'Italia says Empero Francis Joseph and Pope Benedict have exchanged autograph letters through special couriers, the contents of which

Peace Conference in Berlin.

COPENHAGEN, via London, April 19. -The National Tidende's Budapest correspondent sends an interview with Count Julius Andrassy, former Hungarlan premier, who has just returned ers. to Budapest from a series of conferences in Berlin. Count Andrassy is quoted as having said that the subject of the conferences was peace and peace

"Unfortunately," the correspondent

Official Turkish Report.

"On the afternoon of April 14, the Eng

The fire was returned and the Ma-

lish battleship Majestic bombarded a

"On the following afternoon the Ma

ship retired and was replaced by the

British battleship Swiftsure, which con-

tinued the bombardment without result.

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has been given out here

jestic was forced to retire.

BOMBARDMENT OF DARDANELLES RESUMED BY SHIPS OF ALLIES

This court holds that the practice Losses When the Transport Manitou Was Attacked Not So Heavy As At

First Reported. LONDON, April 19.—Reuter's Athens other while being lowered, owing to

correspondent says the bombardment are within the prisoner's knowledge, is of the Dardanelles was resumed Satura regulation of criminal procedure that day. An aeroplane also circled over it is within the authority of the state. Tenedos and unsuccessfully dropped Berlin and London, April 19.—The fol-lowing Turkish official statement regardopt. ships. Allied scaplanes pursued the

The Turks are erecting wire entan glements and making other prepara-tions on both sides of the Bosporus land position near Gabra Tepeh, on Saros practice permitting the accused to against a land attack in case the Ruswave it, and holding him bound by sians renew their assault upon the Bosjestic attacked our advanced batteries, but was struck three times. The warpushed along the coast for the puroose of carrying guns from place to place as they are needed.

Losses on Transport Manitou.

An official statement from the British An official statement from the state of the penertate the Dardaneues. They were admiralty issued last night gives the easily repulsed. German aviators dropby the majority. He said he saw no substance of a further report concern-

that the law of supply and demand

GERMAN GENERAL DEAD. Field Marshal von Lindequist Had Active Military Career.

AMSTERDAM, April 19, via London 7:25 a.m.—Telegrams received here Field Marshal Gen. Oskar von Linde-CONSTANTINOPLE, via wireless to quist.

RUSSIANS IN RIOTS

OVER MEAT PRICES

Petrograd Butchers Close

Shops When Government

Forbids Higher Charges.

PETROGRAD, April 19, 12:15 p.m.,

Cellars Full of Meat.

This action led to disorders and in

them well stocked, insisted that they

e served. Incipient riots which re-

sulted in the partial wrecking of sev-

eral shops were ended by the police,

for court procedure against the butch-

permission has been obtained. Butchers

sho concealed meat will be fined or

Warned by Government.

gard to the transportation of good

"Observe this warning and do m

me of any abuse of the government

imprisoned.

Born in 1838, Field Marshal von Linde quist had an active military career. ing recent operations at the Dardanelles He was a lieutenant at the age of nineteen, took part in the Danish cam aign in 1864, was in the war against custria in 1866, and in the war of 870 he was present at Sedan and dur ng the siege of Paris,

GOLD FLOWING TO U. S.

Europe Worried by Huge Trade Balance Favoring This Country. ROME, April 18, via Paris, April 19 .-"On the nights between the 13th and The Glornale D'Italia in a review of the financial situation in Europe ex 15th of April enemy torpedo boats tried

presses anxiety at the exodus of gold ROME, April 18, via Pris, April 19.—
Don Jaime of Bourbon, pretender to the Spanish throne, says he desires it to be known that, contrary to the statements which have appeared in the press, and despite his sympathy for Russia, he remains strictly neutral, and Russian he remains strictly neutral, and live in Italy during the war.

He adds that he cannot enlist in the Russian army because he gave his protected to the melds of a mob savagely and manifestly intent on a single retained on the fight against Austrian heir apparent in the side of the melds of a further report concerning the loss of life aboard the transport to the adopting a sterner rule in the loss of life aboard the transport that he would not fight against Austrian heir apparent in the loss of life aboard the transport in the loss of life aboard the transport that he was attacked by a state court's finding of fact.

"The single question in our mind," four men were drowned instead of 160, as first reported, and that twenty-seven of the Austrian heir apparent in the midst of a mob savagely and manifestly intent on a single re
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The loss of life aboard the transport concerning the loss of life aboard the transport that he loss of life aboard the transport in the loss of life aboard the transport that he loss of life aboard the transport that he was attacked by a trivial appeals, and held where questions of law and fact were distinct the loss of life aboard the transport that he was attacked by a trivial appeals, and held where questions of law and fact were distinct to the loss of life aboard the transport that he loss of life aboard the transport that he loss of life aboard the transport that he was attacked by a trivial appeals, and headquarters reports that yester day an enemy hydroplane was damaged by Turkish fire and fell into the sea. A nemption of the war, as the loss of life aboard the transpo mous excess of exportations from the countries

ALIENS TO REMAIN IN MEXICAN CAPITAL

Transportation to Vera Cruz Attended by Difficulties, Is the Report.

BROKEN RAILWAY LINES SAID TO ENDANGER TRIP

gon and Villa Are Massing Troops for Another Battle. Arrangements to take Americans and

Official Statement Made That Obre-

ther foreigners from Mexico City by train to Vera Cruz have been aban-doned, although both Carranza and Villa officials showed a disposition to give the train service. State Department dispatches today

from Mexico City said that on account

of physical difficulties of the trip, be-

cause of broken railway lines, the Americans had decided to await reopening of communication to the border.

The army transport Sumner reached Tampico today and will sail for Galveston Wednesday with 200 American

Renewal of Battle Probable.

Official advices from Mexico today give evidence that Obregon and Villa are gathering forces for a new battle. There was nothing more definite of last week's encounter at Celaya, where Villa troops are said to have been de feated. Villa garrisons all along the line are reported moving southward to strengthen the main army near Ira-

puato.
State Department officials read these movements as indicating that Villa was preparing for a supreme effort against

preparing for a supreme effort against Obregon.

Gen. Villa's mining decree will not be enforced until he "is in a position to give guarantees and transportation to the industry." State Department advices today from Villa's headouarters at Irapuato, sent April 16, said the protest of the United States and Great Britain had been laid before Villa, and he had given assurances that he would

The decree was issued to date from 1, and provided, with other hings, for the forfeiture of mining property upon which development work was not carried on or when taxes vere not paid within a stated period. In its summary the department says: In its summary the department says:

"In the department's protest against the enforcement of the provisions of this decree it was pointed out that it would be impossible to put down shafts and drive tunnels simultaneously on every twelve and one-half acres of the mining property owned by a company in the territory covered by the decree, as would apparently be required by a strict interpretation of the provisions of the new law. It is now reported that Gen. Villa has given assurances that this clause will not be enforced where impracticable."

Alfred Tappan to Have Trial. Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz reported oday that Alfred Tappan of New York, against a recent government order threatened with execution by Carranza all retailers that prices must forces in Yucatan, now is to be tried on not be raised above rates fixed by the a charge which does not involve the

Reports to the State Department yesterday from Irapuato said Gen. Villa was preparing to renew his attack upon Gen. some shops excited customers broke into the meat cellars, and, on finding ake Celaya and which the Carranza authorities claim resulted in a great victory for Obregon.

The Carranza agency here last night who made an investigation as a basis announced the receipt of the following ablegram from Vera Cruz: Shops in which no meat was found were closed by the police, and will not

be permitted to reopen until special army. He is making vain efforts to reorganize his army, but attempting no est proposals, according to these reports, Americans arriving from Tampico report that no Villista forces are in the Pope and that the pontiff turn the ter-

"Gen. J. B. Trevino reports that the Villistas have retired from in front of The government order which caused

The government order which caused the butchers to protest read, in part:
"Certain merchants, using the war as a pretext, are artificially raising the prices of various commodities. I beg them to remember that in Russia there merchants to regulate prices of necessary and protection of the process of the protection of the process of the is a plentiful supply of products, and saries."

annot operate in fixing prices if prices Seeking Evidence of Nordica's Will.

exceed the rates established by the overnment. The present difficulty in Hartlett, the American vice consul at Melbourne, is at present on his way to Thursday Island, as a special com- the agreement in either case that the missioner for the surrogate's court of territory should eventually become orce an application of my authority. the city of New York, to examine wit- Italian, nesses in the matter of the will of the ate Mme, Lillian Nordica. Mme, Nordica drew up a will at Thursday Island in 1914. She died at Batavia, Java, May 14 of that year. The will is being con-tested in the United States by Mme. Nordica's husband, George W. Young.

Observe "King's Pledge Sunday." LONDON, April 19 .- Ten thousand Protestant churches throughout Engfrom Berlin announce the death of land observed yesterday as "King's

Two New Submarines a Week. LONDON, April 19.-The Daily Mail Bern correspondent says he rom reliable German sources that several new submarines will enter into the work of blockading England today. He adds that new submarines are now being completed at the rate of two each week by Germany.

Richard Lydekker, Naturalist, Dead.

Lydekker was born in 1849. He had traveled extensively and written many volumes on animal life in various Early Break in Yukon River Ice.

DAWSON, Y. T., April 19.—The Yukon river ice is breaking up the earliest in its history. The river was open today from White Horse, the head of navigation, to Lake Labarge, sixteen days earlier than last year.

HAVANA, April 18.—Three cases of bubonic plague have been discovered in Vedado, the most fashionable suburb of Havana. Importance is attached to the fact that these are the first cases discovered outside the region in the lower part of the city contiguous to the wharves and docks.

ITALY IS THOUGHT TO BE ON VERGE OF GOING TO WAR

ONE CENT.

Tension in Relations With Austria Almost at the Breaking Point.

ALLIES TRY DESPERATELY TO BRING ABOUT RUPTURE

Italian Help Is Needed in Shutting Off Supplies to the Teutonic Nations.

VIENNA MAY SEND ULTIMATUM

Activity of Victor Emmanuel's Army Along Border Possible Grievance Leading to Beginning of Hostilities.

LONDON. April 19, 1:55 p.m. -Whether the negotiations between Rome and Vienna concerning Italy's demands for territorial concessions have been broken off remains for the moment an official secret, but it appears to be universally agreed that the tension is approaching the breaking point.

It is suggested here that the Italian foreign office is awaiting an ultimatum from Vienna on the subject of Italy's military preparations along the frontier as a pretext to sever the remaining he had given assurances that he would modify the decree to avoid possibility of international complications. tilities.

Need of Italy's Help.

The alertness with which every move. diplomatically or otherwise, made by Italy is now followed in London indicates the high importance attached here to efforts to bring Italy to the fighting line.

One of the main reasons advanced for this desire to include Italy in the partnership of the allies is that in no other way is it possible to close so effectualstill reaching the Teutonic combatants

Machine Guns From America

A case in point is the confiscation by he Swiss authorities announced in Geneva today of a carload of machine guns of American manufacture which

not be raised above rates fixed by the government. Customers who went to the shops for their usual purchases found them empty. They received little encouragement from the butchers, who said there was no prospect that a supply of meat would be available.

A charge which does not involve the least open placed at Como on a trainload of these supplies, and that itions last week.

Villa Preparing to Renew Battle.

Reports to the State Department vestored and the state of the civilian population of Austria-Hungary to traverse their territories.

Fail to Reach Agreement.

ROME, via Paris, April 19.-From Obregon, commanding the Carranza forces an authoritative source it is learned at Celaya. No details were given of the that, notwithstanding Germany's efrecent battle, in which Villa failed to forts, Italy and Austria have failed to reach an agreement with reference to erritorial concessions.

Many reports have been current respecting the proposals said to have been made by influential Austrians anxious to preserve peace with Italy. "Villa reported to have fled through for the temporary disposition of the rapuato yesterday with remnant of his province of Trent, provided Austria consented to cede it to Italy. The latwas that the territory be ceded to the ritory over to Italy after the war.

Opposed by Von Buelow.

Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador at Rome, is said to have frowned upon this suggestion, because he feared that it would be a new source of friction between Austria and Italy, something which he had been striving to eliminate.

Earlier suggestions regarding the disposition of Trent were that it be SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 19.—Charles ceded to Germany to hold until the end of the war, or that it be occupied until that time by Switzerland, with

PRESIDENT'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Mr. Wilson Scheduled to Make Three Speeches Present Week.

President Wilson is scheduled for three speeches this week, including the one delivered to the Daughters of the American Revolution this afternoon. Tomorrow he will attend the pledge Sunday." The largest meeting held was in Central London, where more than 2,000 persons took the pledge to abstain from intoxicants for the remainder of the war period.

The Tomorrow ne will attend the annual luncheon of the Associated Press in New York and Wednesday he will speak at a meeting of the Potomac Pressylvery of the P The President will leave here for New York at 8 o'clock tomorrow mem-ing, returning to the White House tomorrow night.

Wheat Belt Churches Save Missions. NEW YORK, April 19.-Contributions

from churches in the great wheat belts of the west saved the financial situation for nine of the Protestant missionary societies of America, according to analysis of their recent annual reports made public today. In the south the low prices LONDON, April 19, 3:45 a.m.—Richard Lydekker, the naturalist, is dead. Mr. Lydekker was born in 1849. He had traveled extensively and written many volumes on animal life in various y discovered by the customary contributions in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and New England.

Bubonic Plague in Havana Suburb. HAVANA, April 19.-Three cases of